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LANDGRAVE DANIEL AXTELL.

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DANIEL AXTELL, a merchant of London, was granted lands in South Carolina about 1680¹ and, upon nomination of John Archdale, Esq., was elected a landgrave of Carolina by the Lords Proprietors, August 10, 1681.² He came to South Carolina about this time, but died within a year or two,³ his

¹ Carolina ss: pursuant to the Direcons of the Lords prop^{rs}: on this behalf you are to admeasure and lay forth unto Mr. Daniell Axtell of London March^r: one of y^e settlers of this province three thousand acres of land in som Convenient place not yett survey^d. or laid out to any other pson or use and if the same happen upon any Navigable river or river capable to be made Navigable you allowe onlie the fifth pte of the Depth thereof by the water side and a Certificate fully specifying the bounds and scituacon thereof you returne to us wth. all Convenient speed Dated y^e 13th of December 1680

To Cap^t Maurice Mathews
Survey^r generall

Joseph West
Will ffuller
John Smyth

(Warrant book 1672-1692, p. 196.)

May 3, 1681, "Daniell Axtell of London M^rchant" executed a power of attorney to "John Arnold at p^rsent in London now bound for Carolina in America" to enable him to sue or collect money due to Axtell by "Christopher Smith and John Fisher or any other pson or psons in Carolina." Nicholas Hayward, notary; Jacob Waight and Joseph Morton, Jr., witnesses. (Records of the governor of South Carolina, book 1672-1692, pp. 82-83.)

² "Public Records of South Carolina" (MS.), Vol. I., p. 12.

³ By a deed, dated July 31, 1684, John Boddycott conveyed one hundred acres of land on Ashley River to "Dame Rebecca Axtell the relict of the honourable Daniell Axtell one of the Landgraves of the province of Carolina deceased". (Conveyance book, 1683-1688.)

Daniel Axtell by his will made August 3, 1678, gave his "Eldest daughter Sibilla", £500., to be paid to her at twenty-one or marriage; gave son, Daniel, a like sum, to be paid him when twenty-one; gave daughter, Mary, a like sum to be paid her at twenty-one or marriage;

son, Holland, succeeding him as landgrave.⁴

Lady Rebecca Axtell, widow of Landgrave Daniel Axtell resided at her plantation, Newington, near the site of the present town of Summerville, for some years subsequent to the death of her husband.⁵ September 15, 1705, she was granted one thousand acres of land on the north side of Ashley River, bounded south by her own lands, east on Gershon Hawks and Moses Martin, north on James Ford and west on John Boisseau and James Ford.⁶

gave son, Holland, a like sum, to be paid when twenty-one; gave daughters, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Anne, like sums each at twenty-one or marriage; appointed wife, Rebecca, executrix and gave her all the remainder of his estate; appointed "faithfull friends Henry Danvers Esq^r: & Mr. William Benninghton" assistants to his wife. Witnesses: Ann Cooper, Mary Catchpoull and Sara Hill. (Records of the governor of South Carolina, book 1672-1692, pp. 185-186.)

This will is also recorded in London, where it was proved July 2, 1687. It shows that his former place of residence was Stoke Newington, Middlesex, which was a part of London. (See Vol. IV of this magazine, p. 235.)

⁴ Carolina ss You are forthwith to Cause to be Admeasured and
Laid out unto Holland Axtell Esq^r Landgrave in
Holland Axtell Charles Towne observeing y^e Rules & Method Already
a towne Lott established for Laying out s^d: Towne and a Certificate
fully specify the Number & bounds thereof you are to
Returne to us with all Convenient speed & for yo^r soe
doeing this shall be yo^r: Warrant Dated this 23^d day
of febr^y 1683 4

To Maj^r Maurice Matthews John Godfrey Joseph Morton
Survey^r Generall Maur: Matthews John Moore
(Warrant book 1672-1692, p. 291.)

⁵ See pages 63, 67, 68, 76 and 77 of the April issue of this magazine.

⁶ Vol. 38 (copy), p. 498 of abstracts of grants, Sec. of State's office, Columbia.

Issue:

- I. Sibilla Axtell.
- II. Daniel Axtell.
- III. Mary Axtell, married — Cuthbert.
- IV. Holland Axtell.⁷
- V. Rebecca Axtell.
- VI. Elizabeth Axtell, *m.* Francis Turgis (issue), who dying⁸ she next married, in December, 1698, Governor Joseph Blake (issue); *d.* in 1725 or 1726.⁹
- VII. Anne Axtell, married John Alexander, and, after his death, Joseph Boone.¹⁰

⁷ By his will, made December 17, 1691, and proved before Governor Ludwell, May 4, 1692, "Holland Axtell of Carolina Landgrave," gave his mother, Rebecca Axtell, a negro man, named Guy, an Indian boy, named Nero, and all his cattle, horses, and ready money not otherwise bequeathed; gave brother-in-law, John Alexander, a diamond ring; gave brother-in-law, Francis Turgis, two cows, two calves, a mare and her colt, and a silver medal; gave sister, Anne Alexander, four silver salt cellers; gave sister, Mary Cuthbert £5. to buy a ring; gave Thomas Graves a cow and a calf, a pocket pistol and a hone. Witnesses: B. Waring, Elizabeth Waring and John Stevens. (Records of the Court of Ordinary of South Carolina, book No. 1., 1692-1700, p. 17.)

⁸ January 13, 1696-7, Elizabeth Turgis, Rebecca Axtell and William Cantey executed their bond to Governor Blake for Mrs. Turgis's faithful execution of her trust as executrix of the estate of Francis Turgis. Witness: Charles Odingsells. (Ibid, p. 285.)

⁹ See Vol. I of this magazine, pp. 156-157.

¹⁰ Mrs. Poyas ("the Ancient Lady") says (*Days of Yore*, p. 12) that Joseph Boone married Anne, daughter of Governor Blake, but in the next paragraph she quotes from Mrs. Boone's will: "I give to my beloved nephew, the Hon. Joseph Blake, Esqr., my Dorchester plantation given me by my mother, called Mount Boone." As this Hon. Joseph Blake was the only son of Governor Blake it is hard to see how Mrs. Boone could be the daughter of Governor Blake and the aunt of his son at the same time. As shown by the records she was the maternal aunt of the younger Joseph Blake. (See also p. 82 *ante*.)